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SUBJ: STAFFDEL BRYEN/KRAFT: MEETING WITH FAHMY

SUMMARY: FAHMY TOLD STAFFEL THERE ARE THREE PRIME INGREDIENTS
TO LASTING PEACE AGREEMENT: SOME LIMITATION OF FUTURE
IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL, NUCLEAR BAN, AND CONVENTIONAL ARMS
LIMITATION. NO ARAB LEADER CAN ACCEPT NON-BELLIGERENCY
IF NOT LINKED TO SOLUTION PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. RABIN'S
"HELSINKI SPIRIT" SHOULD START AT HOME; IF HELSINKI MEANS
OPEN BORDERS, LET HIM OPEN HIS BORDERS TO THE PALESTINIANS.
FOR GOI, HELSINKI SIMPLY MEANS ARABS SHOULD SWALLOW STATUS
QUO AS DIVISION OF GERMANY WAS SANCTIONED AT HELSINKI.
END SUMMARY

1. FONMIN FAHMY RECEIVED SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE
STAFFDEL BRYEN/KRAFT DEC 5 FOR ONE HOUR. FOLLOWING ARE
HIGHLIGHTS.

2. GENEVA. RECALLING THAT THIRD ARMY COMMANDER BADAWI HAD
TOLD STAFFDEL HE HOPES GENEVA CAN BE CONVENED ASAP, BRYEN
ASKED FOR FAHMY'S VIEWS, NOTING BADAWI HAD STRESSED FINAL
AGREEMENT MUST INCLUDE SOME LANGUAGE ON LIMITATION OF IMMI-
GRATION INTO ISRAEL. FAHMY REPLIED THAT PEACE AGREEMENT,
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IF IT IS TO ENSURE AREA STABILITY, MUST ADDRESS QUESTION OF

POPULATION EXPANSION. IN EGYPT, FAHMY ADDED, BIRTH RATE GOES UP WHENEVER THERE IS PROSPECTIVE PEACE. POPULATION EXPANSION IS THE TOP AREA PROBLEM. OTHER CRUCIAL ASPECTS OF PEACE AGREEMENT BESIDE ISRAELI IMMIGRATION, FAHMY PURSUED, ARE NUCLEAR BAN AND LIMITATION ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS "SO THAT MUTUAL DETERRENT CAN BE GENERATED." THESE THREE FACTORS MORE IMPORTANT THAN BORDERS, AS WITHOUT THEM PEACE AGREEMENT WILL NOT STAND TEST OF TIME. ASKED WHAT PRIORITIES GENEVA AGENDA SHOULD REFLECT, FAHMY SAID HE HAS NO PRIORITIES EXCEPT THE SECURITY OF THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE.

3. NOTING ABILITY OF SOVIETS TO CARRY OUT MILITARY DELIVERY PROGRAMS FAST, KRAFT ASKED HOW ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT ARRANGED AT GENEVA COULD BE CREDIBLE. FAHMY REPLIED THAT BOTH SOVIETS AND AMERICANS WOULD GUARANTEE AGREEMENT. BREZHNEV IS RESPECTING DETENTE, FAHMY ADDED, SINCE HE IS NOT SENDING ARMS TO EGYPT, BUT USG, BY POURING ARMS INTO ISRAEL, APPEARS NOT TO BE RESPECTING DETENTE. KRAFT OBSERVED SUCH AGREEMENTS INVOLVE ISSUE OF TRUST AND NOTED MILITARY LOOP-HOLES CAN USUALLY BE FOUND--UK AND FRANCE, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE SUPPLYING ARMS TO AREA. FAHMY ASKED WHY KRAFT EXCLUDED US WHICH, IF IT ACCEPTS LATEST ISRAELI REQUEST, WILL HAVE PROVIDED SIX BILLION DOLLARS IN THREE YEARS. HE NOTED US MILITARY, INCLUDING GEN BROWN, ARE COMPLAINING THAT US ARMS POLICY VIS-A-VIS ISRAEL IS EMPTYING US ARSENAL. ASKED BY BRYEN IF PEACE AGREEMENT THEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT, FAHMY SAID CERTAINLY, BUT SUCH AN AGREEMENT WILL NOT ENDURE. USG SHOULD WELCOME EGYPTIAN WILLINGNESS FOR ARMS CONTROL, AS IT IS EXTRAORDINARY CONCESSION FOR LEADING ARAB NATION TO PROPOSE. US AND USSR WELL AWARE OF EACH OTHER'S MILITARY CAPABILITY; SAME PHILOSOPHY IS APPLICABLE FOR ME, EVEN THOUGH WHILE US SECURITY IS NOT THREATENED, EGYPT IS "NAKED".

4. PALESTINIAN FACTOR. FAHMY STRESSED NO PEACE IS POSSIBLE IF PALESTINIAN PROBLEM IS NOT SETTLED. NO ARAB LEADER. HE EMPHASIZED CAN ACCEPT AN END TO NON-BELLIGERENCY IF ISSUE OF PALESTINIANS NOT CONSTRUCTIVELY ADDRESSED. ASKED WHAT PALESTINIANS WOULD SETTLE FOR, FAHMY RECALLED CURRENT TALK ABOUT WEST BANK/GAZA STATE, BUT REMARKED WRLY THAT IF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ISREALIS CLAIM WEST BANKERS ARE HAPPY UNDER CURRENT MILITARY RULE, THEN WHY DO ISRAELIS RESIST NOTION THAT THEY CAN LIVE HAPPILY WITH WEST BANKERS IN A SINGLE SECULAR STATE, AS COPTS AND MUSLIMS DO IN EGYPT. FAHYM CALAIMED 600 OUSAND MOROCCAN JEWS HAVE RETURNED TO MOROCCO, OTHERS TO SUDAN AND IRAQ.

5. EGYPTIAN RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL. ASKED FOR GOE VIEW ON "POLITICAL RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL", FAHMY NOTED HE IS READY

SIGN PEACE AGREEMENT WITH GOI. ASKED FOR HIS REACTION TO ISRAELI VIEW PEACE AGREEMENT MUST INCLUDE COMMERCIAL RELATIONSHIP, FAHMY REPLIED THIS IS "CART BEFORE HORSE." FOR PR REASONS, ISRAELIS TALK ABOUT COMMERCIAL AND DIP RELATIONS, ALLON OFFERS MEET FAHMY IN CAIRO, AND NOW RABIN HAS INVOKED "HELSINKI SPIRIT". BUT HELSINKI MEANS OPEN BORDERS, SO LET RABIN START WITH THE PALESTINIANS. LET HIM OPEN ISRAEL'S BORDERS SO THAT ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS CAN LIVE TOGETHER. (IF ARABS SAY LET'S GO BACK TO 1947 UN PARTITION PLAN, ALLON WILL REFUSE AS THIS WOULD BE "DISMANTLING ISREAL") WHEN FAHMY HAD MADE SUCH PUBLIC RESPONSE TO RABIN'S SPEECH IN SWITZERLAND, GOI DID NOT RESPOND, DEMONSTRATING ISRAELIS ARE INTERESTED IN ONLY ONE ASPECT OF HELSINKI, I.E., OBTAINING PUBLIC SANCTION FOR CURRENT ME ARMISTICE LINES, JUST AS DIVISION OF GERMANY WAS SANCTIONED AT HELSINKI. ALLON "WANTS US TO SWALLOW STATUS QUO" AND NEEDS PEACE INITIATIVE OF HIS OWN TO OFFSET SADAT'S PEACE OFFENSIVE.

6. ECONOMIC AID FOR EGYPT. ARABS ARE NOT GIVING ADEQUATE ECONOMIC HELP, THOUGH ARE DOING BETTER ON MILITARY SIDE. ASKED IF WEALTHY GULF STATES LIKELY BECOME MORE HELPFUL, FAHMY SAID YES, WHEN WE "TWIST THEIR ARMS MORE."

7. EGYPTIAN OIL. FAHMY SAID THAT ACCORDING TO MINPET FIGURES, EGYPT WILL EXPORT 10 MILLION TONS OF 1980. THIS IS CONSERVATIVE FIGURE, HE SAID, AND SADAT HAS RECEIVED HIGHER ESTIMATES FROM "US COMPANIES".

8. MILITARY ASSISTANCE. BRYEN NOTED ARMY SEEMS "WELL ORGANIZED AND IN GOOD SHAPE." FAHMY AGREED BUT RECALLED THAT THERE IS SERIOUS DEARTH OF OF SOVIET SPARE PARTS. SUCH PARTS ARE BEING ACQUIRED FROM OTHER SOURCES, HOWEVER, AND WITH WESTERN HELP, EGYPTIANS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARE MAKING THEIR OWN AIRCRAFT SPARE PARTS. ASKED IF SPARE PART SUPPLY IS ADEQUATE, FAHMY SAID IT WILL TAKE TIME.

9. EGYPT AND WEALTHY ARABS. KRAFT NOTED SAUDIS AND KUWAITIS ARE BUYING ARMS FROM US. AMB ADDED KUWAITIS APPARENTLY BUYING ALSO FROM SOVIETS, TO WHICH FAHMY REPLIED, THIS IS SMALL DEAL, "JUST JUNK," WITH ONLY 15 MILLION DOLLARS. FURTHER, WHEN PENINSULAR ARABS BUY, THEY CONSULT US FIRST. ISRAEL, QUITE CORRECTLY, DOES NOT RPT NOT FEAR SAG. SAUDIS NEVER PROVIDED THEIR ARMS TO EGYPT IN 1973 AND WILL NOT DO SO IN THE FUTURE. EVEN WHEN GOE ASKS SAG TO TRAIN EGYPTIANS ON US WEAPONS, SAG REFUSES BECAUSE US TELLS THEM TO. "I CANNOT DEPEND ON RIYADH."

10. US AID PROGRAM. FAHMY SAID GENEROUS USAID ASSISTANCE

WILL BE DOWN DRAIN IF USG CONTINUES ALLOW ISREAL MAINTAIN
NO PEACE NO WAR CONDITION IN ME. THERE IS NO HOPE ECONOMICALLY
IF POLITICAL PROBLEMS NOT SOLVED. BRYEN NOTED THIS IS
PESSIMISTIC VIEW, TO WHICH FAHMY REPLIED THAT ONLY US,
AMONG ALL OTHER COUNTRIES, IS RICH ENOUGH TO MOUNT A FULL
WAR/FULL PEACE ECONOMY. ASKED WHERE USAID COULD BEST FOCUS
EFFORTS, FAHMY EMPHASIZED NEED FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS WITH
ENDURING UTILITY FOR ECONOMY.

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